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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION BONN, BERLIN MARCH 17, 1973 FROM  
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E.O. 11562; GDS

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SUBJECT: WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL (WYF)

REFS: (A) BERLIN 396; (B) BONN 3655; (C) STATE  
36396; (D) STATE 16267

1. VIEWS EXPRESSED IN BERLIN 396 IN ESSENTIAL AGREEMENT  
WITH POSITION EMERGING IN EUR AND WORKING GROUP FORMED  
BY INTERAGENCY YOUTH COMMIZEE FOR POLICY RECOMMENDA-  
TIONS ON WYF. IN VIEW OF OBVIOUS PROPAGANDISTIC AND RIGGED  
NATUURE OF WYF GATHERINGS, USG WISHES TO AVOID ACTIONS  
WHICH MIGHT TEND TO UPGRADE EAST BERLIN WYF BY, FOR  
EXAMPLE, LENDING CREDENCE TO NOTION THAT NATIONAL DELEGA-  
TIONS ARE REPRESENTATIVE. USG SUPPORTED PARTICIPATION  
OR SPONSORSHIP FOR ANY US YOUTH GROUPS ATTENDING ARE  
THEREFORE PRECLUDED.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL DISCOURAGE ATTENDANCE BY US YOUTH  
COUNCIL (USYC) AND AMERICAN COUNCIL OF YOUNG POLITICAL  
LEADERS (ACYPL) OR BY ANY OF THEIR LEADERS AS INDIVIDUALS;  
BUT, BEYOND BRIEFING INQUIRING YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS ON  
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NATURE OF WYF AND ON LIKELY EXPLOITATION OF THEIR

PRESENCE IN EAST BERLIN, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN ANY ANTI-FESTIVAL BROADSIDE. YOUNG WORKERS LIBERATION LEAGUE (YWLL), AMERICAN AFFILIATE OF WFDY, PLANS TO SEND 400-MEMBER DELEGATION TO WYF. THERE IS ALSO REASON TO ASSUME, ON BASIS OF EARLIER WYF MEETINGS, THAT OTHER AMERICAN YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WILL PARTICIPATE. PRIOR TO WYF OPENING USG COUTEMPLATES DISCREET, FACTUAL PRESS RELEASE ON SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF YWLL AND DISCLAIMER THAT IT NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF POLITICALLY-ACTIVE AMERICAN YOUTH.

3. WITHIN THESE GUIDELINES, DEPARTMENTT CONSIDERS IT DESIRABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PROBABLY LARGE SPILLOVER INTO WEST BERLIN OF THIRD WORLD AND WEST EUROPEAN YOUTH BY SUPPLEMENTING AMERIKA HAUS AND OTHER AMERICAN CULTURAL PROGRAMS IN WEST BERLIN WITH INTERESTING, NONPOLEMICAL ACTIVITIES FOR PERIOD OF WYF, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF DUNS. DETAILS BEING DEVELOPED IN INTERAGENCY YOUTH COMMITTEE WILL BE FURNISHED ADDRESSEES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR DISCUSSION, AS NECESSARY, WITH APPROPRIATE FRG, BERLIN SENAT, AND BRITISH AND FRENCH OFFICIALS.

4. RE BONN 3655 YOU MAY INFORM LINCKELMANN AND WEBER, BUT ONLY IF THEY RAISE SUBJECT AGAIN, THAT AS THERE WILL BE NO USG-SUPPORTED PARTICIPATION AT WYF, SUGGESTION THE OFFER OF OUR POSSIBLY SENDING A ROCK OR JAZZ GROUP TO EAST BERLIN WYF IS NOT FEASIBL.

5. RE SPECIFICS OF BERLIN 396, SUGGEST WEBER BE INFORMED OF OUR SENSE OF DIFFICULTY IN TRANSFORMING SO MASSIVE AND STAGED AN EVENT INTO FAIR AND OPEN FORUM AND OUR CONSEQUENT DISCOURAGEMENT OF ATTENDANCE BY ACYPL, USYC OR THEIR LEADERSHIP AS INDIVIDUALS. BEYOND THAT AND A GENERAL STATEMENT ABOUT SUPPLEMENTING CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN WEST BERLIN, WE QUESTION ADVISABILITY OF FURNISHING WEBER WITH DETAILS OF US PLANNING.

6. JAZZ-IN-THE-GARDEN SERIES (REFTEL A), PRPROPERLY  
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PUBLICIZED, WOULD SEEM TO OFFER REAL DRAWING CARD FOR WYF PARTICIPANTS. THIS AND OTHER SPECIFIC POSSIBILITIES WILL BE CONSIDERED IN DEATIL IN SEPTE. ROGERS UNQUOTE

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